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Reply to Office Action of June 16, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 6-17 and 22-27 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. The Examiner indicated that claims 6-8, 10, 13, 17, 22 and 23 were allowed. Claims 9, 11, 12, 14-16 and 24-27 are claims that were withdrawn, but that depend from these allowed claims. These claims are appropriately reentered.

Claims 1, 3-5, 18-21 and 28-39 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' right to file one or more continuing applications directed to any subject matter not presently claimed.

Rejection Over U.S. Patent No. 2,002,726

Claims 1, 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,002,726. Claims 1, 19-21, 28, 29 and 34-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U. S. Patent No. 4,869,512 in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,002,726. These claims have been deleted since this is a final office action and to further the prosecution of the allowed claims. The applicant reserves the right to file a CON or DIV application to the subject matter being surrendered.

Conclusion

Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that all of the rejections have been overcome and the claims of the subject application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with the Applicants' attorney would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney at the number below.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, should any required fees be due, please charge them to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

Respectfully submitted,

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